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1. The following contradictory declarations of leaders and groups belonging to the Movement for Union and Peace (MUP) indicate that the MUP has suffered a serious internal crisis. 25X1
 - a. The Hoa Hao party seems determined to abandon the MUP in order to support Bao Dai and to become integrated in the Vietnamese National Army.
 - b. Pope Pham Cong Tac, head of the Cao Dai sect, has issued a declaration giving unconditional support to Bao Dai and accepting the integration of the Cao Dai units in the National Army. However, General Nguyen Thanh Phuong, head of the Cao Dai army, violently opposes the Pope's decision and has issued a declaration addressed to the Cao Dai units stating his position.
 - c. Nguyen Ton Hoan, South Dai Viet leader, Ngo Dinh Nhu, Catholic leader, and Le Toan, who are the regional liaison delegates of MUP, have adopted a motion demanding true democracy for Vietnam without making clear their position with regard to Bao Dai.
2. The MUP, deprived of the support of the Hoa Hao and Cao Dai, is now dependent on Hoan, Nhu and Toan who are practically reduced to acting as individuals.
3. The northern leaders of the MUP have reproached the southern leaders for having adopted an imperious and irresponsible attitude. The northerners wish to organize another movement called the Movement of Union for Liberty (Phong Trao Tu Do Thuong Nhat) but it is doubtful that this organization will flourish.¹

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Nguyen Xuan Chu had made an abortive attempt to organize the Movement of Union for Liberty and that Chu is now attempting to organize the League for the Liberation of Vietnam (Doan Giai Phong Vietnam).

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